

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

4th Sunday in Advent

23rd December 2018

Priest:

The Lord casts down the mighty and exalts the lowly. Let us with confidence approach the Lord with our petitions that he may raise up those who are cast down.

Reader:

We pray that, like Mary and Elizabeth, our hearts may be open to the presence of God in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy

We pray for a deepening of our faith: that we may see the Lord present in each of our sisters and brothers.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all who struggle with faith: that they may see the Lord present to them in the words and actions of his disciples today.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all who are sick and suffering; and for all who tend to them, that they may reflect in their care the compassion of God made visible in the birth of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy

We pray this weekend for the needs of those within the Calne and Melksham parishes. We pray also for our partnership of St George's and St Teresa's and for the Christian churches in the Taunton area.

Lord, in your mercy

We pray for those who have died recently especially: Irene Brown, Annie Flynn, Mark Weekes; that they may see the Lord face to face.

Lord, in your mercy

We pray with "Mary, Mother of Divine Grace", as we say together:

Hail Mary

Priest:

God our Father, you choose the weak to confound the strong; you raise up the lowly. Hear the prayers we humbly present to you today. We ask you to grant them through Christ our Lord. Amen.